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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of

Mitsuhiro MURATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3747

Application No.: 10/718,675

Examiner: A. Dolinar

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For: STARTER HAVING PINION-ROTATION-RESTRICTING MEMBER FOR USE IN  
AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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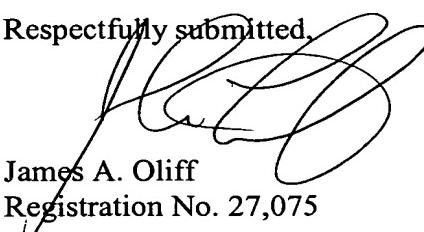
Sir:

A personal interview was conducted on February 10, 2005 between Applicants' representative and Examiner Andrew Dolinar at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

During the interview, the claims as submitted in the February 1 Amendment were reviewed in light of the applied reference JP 10-018950 to Araki. Upon review of the figures of Araki and the new claim language, the Examiner agreed that the claims distinguish over the applied reference. The Examiner also indicated that he believes that the submission of the

English-language translation of the priority document removes U.S. Patent Application  
Publication 2004-0108727 as an applicable reference.

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